

**Minutes of Fenwick Island Environmental Committee Meeting
Feb. 10, 2011 at 2:30 PM**

Members Present: Vicki Carmean, Dick Streett, Mary Ellen Langan, John Belian, Buzz Henifin, Betsy Henifin

Flag Salute
Approval of Jan. 10, 2011 Minutes

Unfinished Business

Betsy Henifin will act as secretary for the EC.

Update of EC Goals and Objectives

Vicki and Buzz reported on the Planning Commission Meeting they recently attended. Some new project ideas were discussed including placing benches around town at scenic locations for walkers and bikers, and erecting signs giving directions to historic places. The Committee discussed the problem of too many signs in the town already.

Regarding Tree Triage in #2, this statement was revised to read "Encourage the planting of native trees and making information on identifying and growing such trees available." The Committee also discussed preserving the canals (#3) but made no changes. The filtering of roof water before it enters nearby canals remains an important issue, as well as enforcing reduction of light pollution. It was agreed that CE's recommendations to Charter and Ordinance should be made after C&O completes their book.

The idea of placing current water testing reports on the town website was discussed. Members concluded that negative information on the condition of FI bays and the ocean would not be appropriate for the town website. Links to information from DNREC and University of Delaware could be added to the website to provide more information.

Vicki reported that C&C Solar would make a presentation to the public on June 18 from 9 to 11 AM in Town Hall. She also intends to invite a speaker from the MERR Institute (*Marine Institute for Education, Research and Rehabilitation*), as well as a speaker from The Center for the Inland Bays' CAC (*Citizen's Advisory Committee*). Buzz reported that CIB's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee will hold a presentation on Feb. 18 at the University's Lewes campus concerning the state of Burton Island relative to coal ash. The work of the Wanandale `Waste Water and and Disposal will also be discussed.

Dick Streett reported on Maryland's unsuccessful experiments in using beet juice to pretreat streets for winter weather. He also provided information on some of Maryland's environmental activities.

New Business

DNREC's recent decision to allow the building of a marina behind the condo community of Rt. 54 just beyond FI town limits was discussed. Many problems connected to the location of this marina have not been fully addressed. With the support of the EC, Vicki will draft a letter to DNREC reiterating our objections to this marina.

The Next EC meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10 at 2:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Henifin